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SUBJECT: US-TUNISIAN JOINT COMMISSION: PREPARATIONS FOR
WASHINGTON MEETINGS

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1. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION ON STATUS OF
POSSIBLE DATES FOR MEETING OF FULL US-TUNISIAN JOINT
COMMISSION SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN WASHINGTON THIS FALL.
RECALL THAT DURING MY MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER CHATTI,
HE SAID THAT HE HOPED TO HEAD TUNISIAN DEL DURING PERIOD
FROM OCT 5-20 WHEN HE WILL BE IN US TO ATTEND UN GENERAL
ASSEMBLY. ANY CONSECUTIVE THREE WORKING DAYS IN THIS
INTERVAL WOULD BE SUITABLE AND WE WOULD HOPE THAT TENTA-
TIVE DATES COULD BE SET SOON IN ORDER TO PERMIT US TO
NOTIFY GOT AND FACILITATE THEIR PREPARATIONS FOR THIS
MEETING.

2. TUNISIAN CHAIRMAN OF TUNIS-BASED WORKING GROUP ON
TRADE AND INVESTMENT IS PREPARING (IN COORDINATION WITH
EMBASSY) REPORT ON PROGRESS OF WORKING GROUPS WITH
RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO SUITABLE TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED
DURING WASHINGTON MEETING OF SUBCOMMISSION ON TRADE
AND INVESTMENT. USAID MEETING IN NEAR FUTURE WITH
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MINISTER FOREIGN AFFAIRS REPS (DCI) TO DISCUSS

WORK OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMISSION AND
AGENDA SUGGESTIONS. EMBASSY/USAID WILL SUBMIT
COMMENTS ON TRADE AND INVESTMENT WORKING GROUPS'
REPORTS, ON DISCUSSION ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUB-
COMMISSION, AND ON AGENDA SUGGESTIONS AND WILL ALSO
MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO USG POSITIONS ON TOPICS
TO BE DISCUSSED. IF APPROPRIATE, WE MAY SUGGEST
ADDITIONAL ISSUES US SIDE MAY RAISE IN JOINT COM-
MISSION CONTEXT.

3. IN ADDITION TO POSSIBLE DATES FOR JOINT COM-
MISSION MEETINGS, EMBASSY/AID WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE

EARLY INDICATION AS TO BRIEFING PAPERS WHICH FIELD
MAY BE EXPECTED TO PREPARE FOR JOINT COMMISSION
MEETINGS. EMBASSY FURTHER SUGGESTS THAT PAPERS
PREPARED IN WASHINGTON IN TIME COULD BE HAND-
CARRIED FOR EMBASSY"USAID REVIEW BY NEW ECON COUN-
SELOR MONTGOMERY WHO SCHEDULED DEPART FOR TUNIS
EARLY SEPT.
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